

Both species and specimens of Hymenoptera appear to be very numerous here, and a large collection might soon be amassed by any one with time and inclination to work at it; but as I stated in a previous paper, I do not possess either of these qualifications, and my labors in British Columbian entomology will be probably confined, I fear, to the laying of a very slender foundation on which future workers may build.

It will be noticed that some common Eastern species are also abundant here, for instance, *Vespa maculata*, the three ants, *Trichosoma triangulum*, the two *Pimplas*, and some dozen others, but, as might be expected, the majority of our Vancouver insects are of a distinctly Western type.

It would perhaps have been wiser to have waited until I could have identified all my captures, as I have now over two hundred species, and have published a more complete list and with fuller notes, the present being little more than a list of names; but on the other hand, facts in science cannot very well be put on record too soon, and if we wait to perfect our work, we may have to wait a very long time.

I have sent to Mr. Saunders, for the Ontario Entomological Society's Collection, a box containing duplicates of some of the under-mentioned species, and in process of time will, all being well, forward others. In this way I hope that the insects will come under the eyes of many entomologists learned in this particular branch, and if any such gentleman should detect error in their naming, I shall be exceedingly obliged if he will communicate his corrections to me.

The arrangement followed in these notes is that of the Check List alluded to above.

HYMENOPTERA.

Apidæ.

1. *Apis mellifica* Linn. Abundant in the usual domesticated state.
2. *Bombus centralis* Cress. Only one specimen captured, but it may nevertheless be common.
3. " *Vancouverensis* Cress. Very common.
4. " *occidentalis* Greene. "
5. " *lacustris* Cress. "
6. " nov. sp.? A few specimens were taken of a *Bombus* which Mr. Brodie considers probably new. I will, however, defer description until after further investigation.